

TOWN OF CECILTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The Town Council held a Regular Meeting at Town Hall on Monday, February 23, 2009. The following were in attendance:

John J. Bunnell, Mayor

Joseph A. Zang, III, Member
Craig DeVary, Member

Michael Cooper, Member
Terry Moore, Member

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

January 26, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Member DeVary made a motion to accept the January 26, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

Member Zang seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Financials and Account Balances:

Member Moore made a motion to accept the Financials and Account Balances as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Administrators Report:

Mayor Bunnell explained to those present that the Town Administrator is preparing stimulus packages. The pre-applications are due on Friday, February 27, 2009. The Town Administrator explained she is preparing three applications. The first application is for funding for reduction of the I&I throughout the Town and relining the manholes and replacing some of the lines. The second application is for the removal of the old water tower and old water plant. The third application is for the removal of the sludge in the lagoon. All three projects are "shovel ready".

Member Cooper said the County Emergency Services approached him to ask if the Town could number all the fire hydrants with a physical number. They want to put this information in their CAD system. The Mayor responded by saying, "That could take a little work, but it certainly could be done. The Town Administrator would have to work out the numbering system." Member Cooper said they requested that the work be completed within a month. Member Zang asked if the Town had some fire hydrants that were not working. The Town Administrator said that they were working on the problem, but, because of the low temperatures, some of the hydrants were frozen and that made it difficult to diagnose the problems. The Administrator said they have already talked to Cecil Construction on getting them repaired.

Member DeVary asked what was happening with the liquor store. The Town Administrator said that when they were approved for the liquor store they were also approved for one apartment. She said she assumed that is what they were doing. She explained the owners came into Town Hall and inquired about what would be necessary if they wanted to put more apartments in the building. She explained to them that would require more hook-ups and explained the cost. She said they did not seem to want to spend the money on more hook-ups. Member DeVary asked the Town Administrator to keep an eye on the building since he saw 3 electric meters on the outside of the building. The Administrator explained that before they would be able to get a certificate of occupancy, they would have to go to the County. She went on to say that if the County had not heard from the Town that the certificate of occupancy would not be given.

The Administrator said that vandals had spray painted the back of the dug out and maintenance building.

Maintenance Report:

No comment.

January 2009 Water and Wastewater Report:

No comment.

NEW BUSINESS:**Cecilton Spring Festival:**

Council Member Moore read the Request for Approval to have a Cecilton Spring Festival (attached) and went on to explain the 4-page package (attached). She explained that the package identified vendors that may be contacted for donations and activities for the day (May 16, 2009). She went on to say that she had prepared a flyer to be handed out to all residents and businesses in the Town that would be asking for volunteers to work on the proposed Spring Festival Committees. She said she felt that the advertising would cost quite a bit of money due to the cost of print ads, newspapers, flyers and postage, etc. She requested approval for a budget not to exceed \$5,000. The Mayor suggested that some 3x5 cards be produced telling about the things of interest in the Town and to put the cards in the Geocache. Member Moore thought that was a good idea. Member Moore said she would also like to have a link to the Town's website. The Mayor said that would be fine. Member Moore went on to say that the proposal was to have a planning meeting next Thursday evening to see what type of interest there would be by community chairpersons to see what contacts they would have, making phone calls, co-coordinating activities, etc. Member Cooper asked if the meeting could be moved to Tuesday, March 3, 2009. He explained that the Fire House meeting is going to be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 and it would be difficult to get anyone to the Festival Meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would be moved to Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Town Hall.

The Mayor said that the Town had not planned for an extra \$5,000 in the budget. Member Moore said she believed that the Town would recoup the expense by charging vendors for the day and charging for some activities. The Mayor suggested that all the local nurseries be contacted to donate plants to be auctioned to raise funds. Member Moore thought that would be an excellent idea.

The Mayor suggested that after the organizational meeting that Member Moore will have a better idea of how much money the project would require. There was more general discussion on contacts and ideas to consider. Member Moore asked to have permission to begin the planning stage of the Cecilton Spring Festival. Member Moore requested funds to cover some of the initial printing cost involved in notifying the Town about the planning meeting. Mayor and Council voted on giving permission to begin the planning stage of the Cecilton Spring Festival and to give discretionary funding in the amount of \$500.00 to offset the cost of printing. The motion passed and Member Moore abstained from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

No comment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**Public Comments:**

None

Good of the Order:

The Mayor read a request (attached) from the Angels Fastpitch League to use the ball fields on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Member Zang made a motion to allow the Angels Fastpitch to use the field, conditional upon receiving a certificate of insurance from the organization. Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MML Cecil-Hartford Chapter Dinner Meeting:

The Mayor announced the next Chapter meeting will be hosted by the Town of North East on Thursday, April 16, 2009. He also announced that it would soon be time for the annual Chapter Elections. The nomination form was given to each member of the Council and it was requested the nominations be returned by Friday, March 27, 2009.

The Mayor announced the Cecil County Arts Council was presenting an exhibition of Found Object Art from March 27, 2009 to April 24, 2009.

The Mayor announced the annual March of Dimes, March for Babies will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

ADJOURN:

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Trucksess

John J. Bunnell

Mayor